

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action mailed **July 14, 2003** the Examiner reviewed claims 1-36. Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Batty et al (USPN 6,223,212, hereinafter "Batty") in view of Edlund et al (USPN 6,085,227, hereinafter "Edlund").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 13, and 25 were rejected as being unpatentable over Batty in view of Edlund.

Applicant respectfully points out that Edlund teaches granting or denying permission to execute a command on the local system using a preconfigured **access control list** (see Edlund, col. 4, lines 49-65). In contrast, the present invention discloses granting or denying permission to execute a command through an **action of the local user** who grants or denies permission to execute commands on a "per-command" basis (see page 10, lines 4-23 of the instant application).

Allowing a local user to grant or deny permission to execute a command on a "per-command" basis is advantageous because it provides complete control to the local user over which commands are executed. Additionally, the local user does not have to preconfigure the system to deal with all possible commands that are allowed on the local system as the system of Batty as modified by Edlund requires. There is nothing within Batty or Edlund, either separately or in concert, which would suggest an advantage for allowing a local user to grant or deny permission to execute a command on a "per-command" basis.

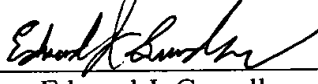
Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, and 25 to clarify that permission to execute the commands is granted by a user of the local computer system using a manual operation. These amendments find support on page 10, lines 4-23 of the instant application.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 13, and 25 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-12, which depend upon claim 1, claims 14-24, which depend upon claim 13, and claims 26-36, which depend upon claim 25 are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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